

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: August 27, 2004]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4331 (Mr. Baker)

**Proponent name, location:** Ciba Specialty Chemicals  
4200 Geigy Access Road  
St. Gabriel, LA 70776-0749

**Other bills on product (108<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2007.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

1-(3H)-Isobenzofuranone, 3,3-bis(2-methyl-1-octyl-1H-indol-3-yl)- (CAS No. 50292-95-0) (provided for in subheading 3204.19.40)

**Check one:** ☒ Same as that in bill as introduced  
☐ Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical comments section)

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

The synthetic organic chemical, 1-(3H)-isobenzofuranone, 3,3-bis(2-methyl-1-octyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-, is used in the manufacture of specialty coated paper products to allow for the desired printed or written character or image to be imparted or generated on the finished paper/paperboard product. Ciba Specialty Chemicals imports the subject chemical from its affiliated plant in Germany.

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<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Beck (202-205-2603).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm> Access to a paper copy is available at the Commission's Law Library (202-205-3287) or at the Commission's Main Library (202-205-2630).



**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

HTS subheading: 3204.19.40					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <sup>1/</sup>	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$740,000	\$740,000	\$740,000	\$740,000	\$740,000
Customs revenue loss	\$48,100	\$48,100	\$48,100	\$48,100	\$48,100

<sup>1/</sup> The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Ciba Specialty Chemicals	7/17/04	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation	7/19/04	No	No	No
Dow Chemical	7/19/04	No	No	No
Du Pont Chemical	7/19/04	No	No	No
Solutia	7/19/04	No	No	No

**Technical comments:<sup>3</sup>**

None.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4331

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1(3H)-Isobenzofuranone, 3,3-bis(2-methyl-1-octyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2004

Mr. FORBES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1(3H)-Isobenzofuranone,  
3,3-bis(2-methyl-1-octyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON 1(3H)-**  
4               **ISOBENZOFURANONE, 3,3-BIS(2-METHYL-1-**  
5               **OCTYL-1H-INDOL-3-YL)-.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
7       the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
8       amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
9       new heading:

“	9902.33.67	1(3H)-Isobenzofuranone, 3,3-bis(2-methyl-1-octyl-1H- indol-3-yl)- (CAS No. 50292–95–0) (provided for in subheading 3204.19.40) ..	Free	No Change	No Change	On or Before 12/31/2007	”.
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1           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
 2 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn  
 3 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day  
 4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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